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I. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

A. Matters related to, and inter-sessional departures from, the approved calendar for 1996

Introduction and overview

1. In its resolution 50/206 A of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly approved the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997 as set forth in the annex to the report of the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its fiftieth session 1/ and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly during that session.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should, in future, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee on Conferences decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes should, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

5. In accordance with established procedure, the Committee was informed, by written communication, of requests for changes in venue made by the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations and the United Nations Board of Auditors. The nature of the requests and the action taken by the Committee are described below.

Organ	Request	Action taken
Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	To meet from 1 to 5 July 1996 at Geneva rather than at its established headquarters in New York. The Secretary-General would be in Geneva during the first week of July. Moreover, the presence of the members of the Board in Geneva at that time would give support to a seminar/ conference devoted to the question of the history of multilateral disarmament, which would also take place at Geneva during the session of the Advisory Board. Furthermore, the change of venue would provide the members of the Advisory Board, which served as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the opportunity to have direct contact with the activities and staff of the Institute and to consult with delegations participating in the Conference on Disarmament, whose negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty were at a crucial juncture.	Request approved
Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations and the United Nations Board of Auditors	To meet at Vienna. As they were inter-agency bodies, the Board of Auditors and Panel of External Auditors did not have an established headquarters. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Board should convene annually at United Nations Headquarters in June and may convene at such other times and places as may be necessary for the due performance of the duties of the Board at the request of the Chairman or any member of the Board.	Request approved

Organ	Request	Action taken
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names	To meet at Geneva from 12 to 23 August 1996 rather than at its established headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 June 1996. The change would make it possible to coordinate the venue of its meeting with that of the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, which would be held at Aberdeen, Scotland, from 4 to 11 August 1996, and which many members of the Group of Experts would attend.	Request approved

6. In addition, at its 389th meeting, on 3 June 1996, the Committee considered the proposed convening by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of a Pacific regional seminar to review the political, economic and social conditions in the small island Non-Self-Governing Territories, at Port Moresby, from 12 to 14 June 1996.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed the following letter to the President of the General Assembly:

"At its 389th meeting, on 3 June 1996, the Committee on Conferences considered the proposed convening by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of a Pacific regional seminar to review the political, economic and social conditions in the small island Non-Self-Governing Territories, at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 12 to 14 June 1996. While the holding of the seminar had been approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/39 of 6 December 1995 and provision had been made for the substantive servicing of the seminar in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (section 2), the seminar had not in fact been included in the official calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations issued in March 1996 (A/AC.172/1996/2) owing to the lack of information on its dates and venue at that time.

"During the discussion on the matter, the view was expressed that by convening the three-day seminar at Port Moresby, rather than at the headquarters of the Special Committee in New York, the United Nations would not be making efficient use of its limited financial resources, a course of action that would, moreover, be perceived negatively outside the Organization. Furthermore, as the members of the Committee on Conferences had not been apprised of the seminar prior to approving the calendar of conferences and meetings, they had not had the opportunity to review and debate the matter.

"In reply to a query concerning the expenses involved, the Secretariat informed members that the cost of convening the seminar at Headquarters

amounted to $173,335; the cost of convening it at Port Moresby amounted to $130,446.

"The view was expressed that the figures provided were in fact cost estimates made on the basis of full participation and that accurate costing required a review of participation over the past five years. The view was also expressed that there was no reason to hold the seminar in New York if no savings were involved.

"Following a debate on the matter, the Committee on Conferences took the decision to inform the General Assembly that no agreement had been reached within the Committee to recommend that the Assembly include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 the Pacific regional seminar with Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, as its venue.

"The Committee on Conferences requests the President of the General Assembly to bring the concerns expressed in the present letter to the attention of the General Assembly."

B. Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997

Introduction and overview

8. At its 391st meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997 (A/AC.172/1996/CRP.2 and Add.1).

9. With regard to the consolidated statement of scheduled special conferences for 1997, requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/190 of 20 December 1991, the Secretariat informed the Committee that, as no special conferences were scheduled for 1997, a consolidated statement had not been issued.

10. Also at its 391st meeting, clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various items and aspects of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997, including the matter of waivers granted to intergovernmental bodies that request to meet away from their established headquarters, thus constituting a departure from General Assembly resolution 40/243.

11. The Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a report on all bodies that had a general waiver to meet away from their established headquarters, thus constituting a departure from General Assembly resolution 40/243, to be reviewed by the Committee during the main part of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

12. At its 396th meeting, on 19 September 1996, the Committee reviewed a report of the Secretary-General and a conference room paper on the matter (A/49/212 and A/AC.172/1996/CRP.7, respectively).

Discussion

13. Concern was expressed that the previous sessions of two and three weeks' duration, respectively, of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and

of its Legal Subcommittee were too long, considering the number of meetings planned and actually held by those bodies.

14. In that regard, it was recalled that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/27 of 6 December 1995, a Working Group of the Whole had been established by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to examine the working methods of the Committee, including the duration of its session, in order to reach consensus and to accommodate the different views and concerns expressed by the members of the Committee. It was felt that other United Nations bodies, including the Main Committees, in particular those that underutilized their conference resources, could follow that example and consider reviewing their meeting entitlements.

15. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat about the capability of the Organization to absorb meetings added to the calendar of conferences and meetings for which resources had not initially been provided in the budget. The representative of the Secretariat explained that the procedure of "overprogramming" had frequently made it possible to do so, as resources were made available when scheduled meetings were cancelled. The current reduced level of resources, however, was sufficient to cover only the meetings included in the calendar of conferences and meetings as adopted by the General Assembly in 1995.

16. The view was expressed that, for financial reasons and in the interest of improved efficiency and effectiveness, subsidiary bodies that had been granted an exception to meet away from their established headquarters should be invited to review their need for the exception in the light of the current situation of their work. In the case of subsidiary bodies without a specific exception, authorization to meet away from their established headquarters should be granted on the basis of a recommendation by the Committee on Conferences.

17. With regard to the 1997 Caribbean regional seminar of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the representative of the Secretariat explained that provision had been made for the seminar in the programme of work of the Special Committee, which had been approved by the General Assembly. Moreover, it was expected that conference-servicing resources would not be required for that seminar.

18. The view was expressed that the Committee on Conferences should request the Fourth Committee to review the exception of the Special Committee to meet away from New York. The view was also expressed that such a request should not be made of the Fourth Committee.

Conclusions and recommendations

19. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it should:

(a) Adopt the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997 that might become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

20. The Committee noted that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 50/206 A.

Accordingly, no sessions were scheduled to open or close on 10 February or 17 April 1997 and bodies would be invited not to hold meetings on those days. The Committee requested the Secretariat to make similar arrangements when drafting the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998-1999 for presentation to the Committee at its substantive session of 1997.

21. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that the Assembly should grant waivers to the headquarters rule solely on the basis of a recommendation of the Committee.

22. The Committee on Conferences, recalling paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 50/206 A, recommended that the Assembly invite all its subsidiary bodies that were authorized to meet away from their established headquarters to review the exception to the headquarters rule in the light of the current situation of their work, and to make recommendations thereon, through the Committee on Conferences, to the Assembly at its fifty-second session.

23. The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly invite the Economic and Social Council to request all its subsidiary bodies to carry out the same review.

24. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it request the bodies that had not fully utilized their meeting entitlements, including the duration of their sessions, to review their meeting entitlements.

25. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should consider the budgetary impact of any meetings added to the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium, as adopted by the General Assembly in 1995, taking into account the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/50/66, in which it was stated that available resources would be sufficient to service only those meetings approved in the calendar of conferences, and no additional meetings requested by any intergovernmental organ could be accommodated without additional resources.

C. Improved utilization of conference-servicing resources

1. Meeting statistics of United Nations organs

Introduction and overview

26. At its 391st meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Committee on Conferences reviewed a report of the Secretary-General on meeting statistics of United Nations organs that met in 1995 (A/AC.172/1996/3).

Discussion

27. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the report contained in that document.

28. Concern was expressed regarding the linkage between the duration of meetings and the number of planned meetings.

29. Regret was expressed that the overall utilization factor for 1995 had fallen to 76 per cent from 77 per cent in 1994, that the average utilization

factor for 1995 had dropped to 78 per cent from 82 per cent in 1994 and that the percentage of bodies in the core sample that had utilization factors equal to or exceeding the benchmark figure of 80 per cent had fallen to 54 per cent in 1995 from 62 per cent in the previous year.

Conclusions and recommendations

30. The Committee on Conferences took note with concern that the overall and average utilization factors (76 per cent and 78 per cent, respectively) of the core sample of bodies included in document A/AC.172/1996/3 were below the benchmark figure of 80 per cent.

2. Consultations with bodies concerning utilization of the conference services and facilities available to them

Introduction and overview

31. At its 382nd meeting, on 21 August 1995, the Committee on Conferences requested its Chairman to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (75 per cent for calendar year 1993 and 80 per cent for calendar years 1994 and 1995) of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

32. At its 390th meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Chairman of the Committee provided an oral report on the results of the aforementioned consultations. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had held consultations with the Chairmen of the Committee on Information and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean.

33. Moreover, at its 382nd meeting, the Committee requested its Chairman to transmit a letter to the chairmen of subsidiary bodies that had utilized less than 80 per cent of their conference resources in 1994 to invite them to report on measures taken to improve their utilization of conference-servicing resources and realistically to assess their need for such resources, with a view to reducing the conference resources requested.

34. At the 390th meeting, the Chairman provided an oral report on the replies received from the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies concerned.

35. Furthermore, at its 382nd meeting, the Committee requested Conference Services to maintain an active dialogue with the substantive secretariats of intergovernmental bodies, providing statistics and information on previous performance, as well as guidelines on the ways and means to enhance utilization of conference-servicing resources. Conference Services was requested to report on the outcome of that dialogue to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Committee.

36. In addition, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 50/206 A of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly had requested the Secretariat to take the measures recommended by the Committee on Conferences to enhance the utilization of conference-servicing resources and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences.

37. At its 390th meeting, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the matter (A/51/253).

38. Lastly, in paragraph 11 of its resolution 50/206 A, the General Assembly had requested the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to hold consultations with various bodies and committees to ensure rational allocation and capacity utilization of all United Nations conference facilities at Headquarters, United Nations Offices and other duty stations, with a view to addressing the current imbalance in order to enhance the capacity utilization and cost-effectiveness of those facilities, and to report to the Committee on the outcome of those consultations at its substantive session of 1996.

39. At the 390th meeting, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, presented an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

40. Appreciation was expressed for the Chairman's consultations with the Chairmen of the Committee on Information and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, which had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions. It would be useful to continue such efforts in the future, as they appeared to yield positive results. For example, the Ad Hoc Committee had reduced its session to one meeting and the Committee on Information had reduced its session to two weeks from its initial entitlement of three weeks. It was also noted that some bodies were taking such measures as relying more heavily on informal consultations, streamlining intergovernmental machinery and reducing the duration of sessions.

41. The waiving of the quorum rule frequently improved utilization of meeting time. The view was expressed that late starts were of more serious concern than early endings and should be more heavily weighed in the statistics, as early endings might be indicative of efficiency on the part of the body.

42. It was noted that the need to ensure rational allocation and capacity utilization of all United Nations conference facilities was a complex issue bound by the constraints of the headquarters rule, the geographical distribution of substantive secretariats and the conference-servicing capacity available at the various headquarters, and should therefore be studied more closely at a future session.

43. The Secretary-General's report (A/51/253) indicated that progress was being made in alerting the various bodies to the need for more efficient use of conference services. The Chairman's efforts in addressing letters to the chairmen of the various bodies contributed to a heightened awareness of the need for more efficient use of the resources allocated to them. All of the measures undertaken, inter alia, the active dialogue, and the Chairman's consultations and letters, were a reflection of the Committee's informational role in bringing to the attention of intergovernmental bodies the importance of using conference-servicing resources efficiently and effectively.

44. In reply to a query, the representative of the Secretariat noted that the notional cost of producing one page of documentation in the six official languages was $916, of which $602 represented the cost of translation. The notional cost of one meeting was $4,553, of which $4,194 represented the cost of interpretation. Moreover, if the opening of every meeting held in New York

during a calendar year was delayed 10 minutes, the loss in unutilized conference resources would amount to around $875,000.

Conclusions and recommendations

45. The Committee on Conferences took note of the Chairman's reports on consultations held between the Chairman of the Committee and the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, and on the replies received from the chairmen of subsidiary bodies that had utilized less than 80 per cent of their conference-servicing resources in 1994.

46. The Committee requested its Chairman to continue to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

47. The Committee further requested its Chairman to transmit a letter to the chairmen of subsidiary bodies that had utilized less than 80 per cent of their conference-servicing resources in 1995 to invite them to report on measures taken to improve their utilization of those resources and realistically to assess their need for such resources, with a view to reducing the conference resources requested.

48. The Committee took note of the oral report on the consultations with various bodies and committees to ensure rational allocation and capacity utilization of all United Nations conference facilities at Headquarters, United Nations Offices and other duty stations, and decided to revert to the matter at a future session.

49. The Committee also took note of the report contained in document A/51/253 on the active dialogue between Conference Services and the substantive secretariats of intergovernmental bodies. It endorsed the idea of the Secretariat to make the active dialogue a permanent coordination feature, and directed that such action should be taken at Headquarters, as well as at the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Office at Vienna, where it had noted a need for improved coordination, including between the Secretariat and Member States, in the scheduling of meetings.

50. The Committee recommended that its Chairman, with the assistance of the Secretariat, should circulate a one-page communication to the members of intergovernmental bodies, through their chairmen, emphasizing the importance of starting meetings in a timely manner and indicating the current costs of conference servicing, as well as measures that could be taken to improve utilization of conference-servicing resources.

3. Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Introduction and overview

51. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 50/206 A, the General Assembly had requested the Secretary-General to provide, within the resources approved for conference services in the biennium 1996-1997, interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, taking into account the priority due to meetings included in the calendar of conferences and meetings, and to submit a report on the implementation of this decision to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences.

52. At the 390th meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Secretariat presented an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

53. The view was expressed that meetings of regional and other major groupings of States were a valuable mechanism for intergovernmental discussion, as they facilitated consultations and exchange of information and were an integral part of the decision-making process.

54. Concern was expressed about finding ways and means to provide conference services to such meetings in view of the limited resources currently available to that end.

55. The view was expressed that the Office of Conference and Support Services had an obligation to service scheduled meeting of United Nations bodies as a priority and that all meetings of regional and other major groupings of States should continue to be serviced on an "as available" basis.

Conclusions and recommendations

56. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report on provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States.

57. In view of the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of sessional bodies, the Committee expressed concern that 35 per cent of requests for interpretation services for such meetings had been denied. Nonetheless, it recognized that meetings of Charter and mandated bodies must be serviced as a priority.

58. The Committee urged intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort in the planning stage to take into account meetings of their regional and other major groupings of Member States, and to dovetail such meetings with those of the sessional body. In addition, intergovernmental bodies should notify Conference Services well in advance of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources could, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States.

4. Cost-accounting system for conference services

Introduction and overview

59. At its 382nd meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to develop as soon as possible a cost-accounting system for conference services, and requested the Secretariat to report on cost estimates of conferences, including estimates of losses incurred as a result of underutilization of conference-servicing resources.

60. Moreover, in paragraph 1 of its resolution 50/206 D of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly had requested the Secretary-General to develop as soon as possible a comprehensive and accurate cost-accounting system for conference services, to report on the progress of its implementation to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences and to report the results of its use to the Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with their respective mandates.

61. At its 391st meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Committee on Conferences considered a conference room paper on the matter (A/AC.172/1996/CRP.3).

Discussion

62. Deep concern was expressed that the note by the Secretariat did not provide the information requested on the development of a cost-accounting system for conference services. The conference room paper was instead an interim report containing interesting ideas that should be amplified as soon as possible. The final comprehensive report should contain information on the relevant work being carried out by various entities within the Organization.

63. The development of a cost-accounting system would raise the awareness of intergovernmental bodies about the financial implications of their utilization of the resources allocated to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

64. The Committee on Conferences took note of the conference room paper on the cost-accounting system for conference services contained in document A/AC.172/1996/CRP.3. It requested the Secretariat to continue to develop the cost-accounting system on a priority basis, and to report thereon to the Committee at its substantive session of 1997.

65. The Committee regretted that the Secretariat had not yet been able to devise the cost-accounting system as requested by the General Assembly, and expressed the view that in-house resources should be utilized to develop the cost-accounting system without recourse to outside consultants.

D. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

66. At its 391st meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Committee considered a note by its secretariat containing requests from subsidiary bodies for exceptions to be

made to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, which states that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly (A/AC.172/1996/CRP.4). At its 395th meeting, on 23 August 1996, the Committee was informed orally of a request from the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations for an exception to the aforementioned resolution, and of the need of the Committee on Conferences itself to meet at Headquarters during the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

67. In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee, the requests included explanations as to (a) why the bodies wished to meet; (b) why they had not completed their work by the deadline of 1 September laid down in section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243; (c) why it was necessary to meet during the Assembly session; and (d) how many meetings would be required. Statistical information was also provided on the number of meetings, if any, the bodies concerned had held during the fiftieth session of the Assembly and the efficiency with which they had utilized the resources made available to them.

Discussion

68. Concern was expressed that bodies requesting to meet in New York during the General Assembly were not necessarily utilizing fully the meeting time allotted to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

69. The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, on the understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated as facilities and services became available so that the activities of the Assembly itself were not adversely affected: Committee on Relations with the Host Country; Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations; and Committee on Conferences.

70. The Committee requested the Secretariat, when drafting the letters of authorization to the aforementioned bodies, to continue to include data on their utilization of conference-servicing resources when they had met in the past during the General Assembly and to encourage the bodies in question, inter alia, to inform the Secretariat of the anticipated duration of meetings so as to achieve maximum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

II. CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

A. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/206 C; provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly; implementation of the rules and regulations on control and limitation of documentation: compliance with, and review of, the 24- and 32-page limits for documentation; format of reports of subsidiary bodies; access to the optical disk system by developing countries

Introduction and overview

71. In paragraph 11 of its resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly had requested the Secretary-General to present to the Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on the implementation of the measures called for under that resolution, including information on possible savings.

72. At its 392nd and 393rd meetings, on 20 August 1996, the Committee considered a comprehensive report of the Secretary-General (A/51/268) on the matter, which included separate reports called for under paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 50/206 B, paragraphs 2 and 9 (b) of resolution 50/206 C, and paragraph 3 of resolution 50/206 D, regarding, respectively, provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly; implementation of the rules and regulations on control and limitation of documentation: compliance with, and review of, the 24- and 32-page limits for documentation; format of reports of subsidiary bodies; and access to the optical disk system by developing countries.

Discussion

73. With regard to part IV of the report, regret was expressed that only two bodies had taken positive action in compliance with General Assembly resolution 50/206 C. The bureaux of all intergovernmental bodies should urge Member States to spare no effort to consolidate and shorten reports, review their need for documentation in general and for recurrent documentation in particular, biennialize and triennialize agenda items and comply with the rules to control and limit documentation. In addition, information should be provided to the secretariats of intergovernmental bodies on ways and means of achieving economies in documentation.

74. Note was taken with appreciation of the positive results of the experiment carried out by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to use unedited transcripts instead of verbatim records. Updated reports on the progress of the experiment would be welcome.

75. As to part V of the report, the view was expressed that, while unedited transcripts were not an ideal solution, they could be issued and corrected more speedily than verbatim and summary records and appeared to be a satisfactory cost-efficiency measure. In that regard, it would be useful to have a thorough cost analysis of written meeting records and of unedited transcripts.

76. The view was also expressed that unedited transcripts, which were still being used on an experimental basis at Vienna, were of doubtful benefit. Delegations had yet to make recommendations about the change in records.

77. It would be useful to inform bodies entitled to written meeting records about the cost benefits that might derive from using unedited transcripts, and encourage them to request such transcripts at one meeting on an experimental basis to supplement their usual records. The Secretariat assured the Committee that such an experiment could be absorbed within existing resources.

78. Regarding part II of the report, regret was expressed that a cost analysis had not been included. Non-compliance with established page limits was a particular problem with documents not originating in the Secretariat. It would be useful if intergovernmental bodies developed a strategy to ensure compliance, inter alia, by carefully reviewing requests for reports and the possibility of drafting them within the limits, on the basis of information provided by the Secretariat at the time of the request.

79. As to part VI of the report, the view was expressed that considerable progress had been made to connect missions to the optical disk system. The intention was noted to offer access to the system for all Permanent and Observer Missions through the Internet by 1 November 1996. The view was also expressed that the report did not provide the proposals requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/206 D, on facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system in all official languages, taking into account the possible savings from reduced copying and distribution costs.

80. Regarding possible economies resulting from access to the optical disk system, the representative of the Secretariat noted that the system was an additional service and not a substitute for hard copy. Indeed, missions connected to it had not reduced requests for hard copy. Nonetheless, the Secretariat had managed to reduce print runs as a result of the new technology, and the number of documents in stock had been halved.

81. Concern was expressed about access to restricted documents, particularly in view of wide public access to the Internet. The representative of the Secretariat assured the Committee that documents with restricted circulation were not currently introduced into the system. It was suggested that a password-access system should be used to restrict access to sensitive documents on the optical disk system.

82. Concern was also expressed about the posting on the Internet of documents in one language only or of documents that had yet to be edited or cleared. The representative of the Secretariat assured the Committee that the Secretariat only introduced into the optical disk system documents issued in all languages. It was suggested that such documents be identified, for example, by an asterisk.

83. It was stated that the difficulties many developing countries faced in arranging for connection to the optical disk system would not be overcome simply by offering access to it through the Internet.

84. The view was expressed that, during the transitional period, the use of such technologies as the optical disk system and the Internet should not constitute an alternative to traditional documents.

Conclusions and recommendations

85. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/51/268.

86. The Committee noted with appreciation the actions taken by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to streamline their documentation.

87. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it reiterate its recommendations on control and limitation of documentation made to intergovernmental bodies contained in resolution 50/206 C and request intergovernmental bodies to report to it, through the Committee on Conferences, on measures taken to control and limit documentation.

88. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it request the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue to keep it informed, through the Committee on Conferences, of its experience with the use of unedited verbatim transcripts.

89. The Committee, taking into account the assurance given by the Secretariat in paragraph 77 above, requested its Chairman to transmit a letter to the chairmen of intergovernmental bodies that received written meeting records to inform them of the relevant discussion within the Committee and of the notional costs of written meeting records and unedited verbatim transcripts, and to invite them to consider the possibility of requesting the Secretariat to issue unedited transcripts of one meeting for comparison purposes with a view to the possible substitution of such transcripts for their usual records in the future.

90. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it stress once again the need for strict compliance with the existing limits of 24 and 32 pages.

91. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it should request the Secretariat to submit to it, every two years through the Committee on Conferences, updated information on the number and length of documents.

92. The Committee reiterated that the Secretariat, to the extent possible, should inform bodies, at the time they requested reports, whether the documents could be produced within established page limits.

93. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it request the Secretariat to pursue its efforts with a view to improving the quality in the substance and presentation of documentation, applying new publishing techniques to enhance readability and reduce consumption of paper.

94. The Committee recommended that working documents in all languages on the daily list of documents or in the Journal introduced into the optical disk system be identified, for example, with an asterisk.

95. The Committee recommended that, during the transitional period, the use of such technologies as the optical disk system and the Internet should not constitute an alternative to traditional documents.

96. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it request the Secretariat to provide proposals in accordance with paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/206 D, on facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system in all official languages.

B. Translation-related matters

Introduction and overview

97. At its 384th meeting, on 22 August 1995, the Committee took note of the oral report presented by the representative of the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 49/221 B of 23 December 1994, welcomed the actions taken to improve the quality of translation into all official languages, in particular the efforts of the Arabic Translation Service to implement the proposal contained in the report of the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session 2/ and encouraged the Secretariat to pursue its efforts towards implementing phase II of the proposal.

98. Moreover, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/206 E, the General Assembly had noted the actions taken to improve the quality of translation into all official languages, in particular the efforts of the Arabic Translation Service to implement the aforementioned proposal, requested the Secretary-General to undertake a thorough review of the terminology and technical methods used in translation into Arabic, and urged the Secretariat to speed up its efforts towards the implementation of phase II of the proposal and to report thereon to the Committee on Conferences at its substantive session of 1996.

99. At its 393rd meeting, on 20 August 1996, the Secretariat provided an oral report on the foregoing translation-related matters.

Discussion

100. Appreciation was expressed for the oral report presented on translation-related matters. The progress achieved in improving the quality of translation in general and of Arabic translation in particular was praiseworthy, and the Secretariat should pursue its efforts in that regard.

Conclusions and recommendations

101. The Committee on Conferences commended the translation services for the strong efforts made to improve the quality of translation of documents in all the official languages of the Organization, and encouraged those services to continue to spare no effort to that end.

III. UNITED NATIONS PUBLICATIONS POLICY: IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43/222 B, PARAGRAPH 4 (h)

Introduction and overview

102. At its 335th meeting, on 24 August 1992, the Committee on Conferences had reviewed a conference room paper that contained an annotated provisional outline of the report on publications policies called for in General Assembly resolution 46/185 B of 20 December 1991, section VI (A/AC.172/1992/CRP.1). At the same meeting, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to proceed with the report on publications as outlined in the conference room paper, taking into account the views expressed during the discussion.

103. At its 346th meeting, on 17 May 1993, the Committee had considered the draft report of the Secretary-General on United Nations publications policy (A/AC.172/153, annex). The Committee had recommended that its comments and observations be taken into account in the preparation of the final report of the Secretary-General on publications policy to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (A/C.5/48/10).

104. At its 391st meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Committee on Conferences considered the aforementioned report on publications policy.

Discussion

105. In introducing the item, the representative of the Secretariat, noting that the Fifth Committee had yet to review the report on publications policy, informed the Committee that the Joint Inspection Unit was currently finalizing, for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, a comprehensive survey on the role publications played in implementing mandates of intergovernmental bodies and the extent to which recurrent publications could be made more cost-effective in that regard.

Conclusion and recommendation

106. The Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly consider the report on publications policy contained in document A/C.5/48/10 together with the results of the aforementioned survey carried out by the Joint Inspection Unit.

IV. REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995: SECTION 25E, CONFERENCE SERVICES

Introduction and overview

107. In its resolution 39/238 of 18 December 1984, the General Assembly had approved the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, including the recommendation that relevant intergovernmental bodies review the programme performance report.

108. In accordance with that resolution, the Committee on Conferences considered the programme performance for the biennium 1994-1995 for Conference Services.

Discussion

109. Explanations were provided by the Secretariat regarding the discrepancies between outputs programmed and actual delivery of conference services in the biennium 1994-1995. Factors contributing to the discrepancies included increases in workload, restructuring in relevant areas of the Secretariat and changes in the methodology utilized to derive statistics.

Conclusions and recommendations

110. The Committee took note of the report contained in document A/51/128 and Add.1. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly consider together the report on publications policy contained in document A/C.5/48/10 and the forthcoming report on publications of the Joint Inspection Unit, and wished to draw the attention of the Assembly to paragraphs 33 to 37 of document A/51/128, concerning publications.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001: subprogramme on conference services

Introduction and overview

111. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/219 of 21 December 1988, the Committee on Conferences was invited to review the subprogramme on conference services of the draft proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as contained in document A/AC.172/1996/CRP.1.

112. At its 388th meeting, on 30 April 1996, the Committee reviewed the relevant subprogramme.

Discussion

113. The Secretariat indicated that, in compliance with the new prototype of the medium-term plan, the subprogramme, reflecting the organizational structure of conference services, distinguished three main fields of activity: planning, development and coordination; translation and editorial; and meetings and documentation.

114. The view was expressed that the subprogramme must reflect the norms established by the General Assembly on the timely provision of services and on language arrangements. Clarification was sought and received regarding how the staff resources and grade structure of the translation services would be adjusted through the budget process to reflect the continuing increase in documentation; the impact of increased reliance on contractual translation; and the intent to expand the use of the optical disk system. The view was also expressed that technological innovations should be cost-effective and user-friendly.

Conclusions and recommendations

115. The Committee on Conferences expressed general agreement with the draft subprogramme on conference services. It requested the Secretariat to mention in the final version of the subprogramme that meeting and documentation services should be provided in accordance with the resolutions and rules establishing language arrangements for the various bodies and organs of the United Nations.

B. Impact on conference services of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

Background and introduction

116. Following the issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57), the Bureau of the Committee on Conferences decided that it was the responsibility of the Committee to examine the impact of that report on conference services. Subsequently, at its 388th meeting, on 30 April 1996, the Committee considered the Secretary-General's report.

Discussion

117. With regard to the freezing of posts in the translation services, reservations were expressed concerning the cutbacks within the Secretariat. The view was expressed that the resulting difficulties should be taken into consideration.

Conclusions and recommendations

118. The Committee on Conferences authorized its Chairman to send the following letter to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to apprise that Committee of its concerns and views:

> "Following the issuance of the Secretary-General's report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57), the Bureau of the Committee on Conferences agreed that it was the responsibility of the Committee to examine the impact of that report on Conference Services. Subsequently, at its 388th meeting, on 30 April 1996, the Committee considered the Secretary-General's report.
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> "In informing the Committee of the impact of the proposals, the Secretariat indicated that programme managers had been instructed to achieve savings of a certain order of magnitude ($26.75 million) and to attain a vacancy rate of 6.4 per cent. That had involved a major exercise for Conference Services, which kept its core staff at a lower level than necessary to cover requirements and relied heavily on temporary assistance. In order to achieve the required targets, it was necessary to reduce temporary assistance, increase the use of self-revision and postpone the purchase of computerized systems for use in the Translation Services as well as other technological innovations, thereby deferring anticipated productivity gains. Even after taking into account the capacity expected to be released by the cancellation of scheduled meetings, available resources would be sufficient to service only those meetings approved in the calendar of conferences, and no additional meetings requested by any intergovernmental organ could be accommodated without additional resources. Document-processing capacity would also be reduced, in which connection priority would be given to parliamentary documentation, rather than meeting records and publications.
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> "The Committee expressed its concern at the impact of these measures on the capacity of Conference Services to meet mandated activities, in terms of both servicing meetings and processing documentation. In particular it stressed that the concurrence of the body concerned must be sought before any action was taken to alter entitlements to meetings; that increased reliance on self-revision should not impair translation quality; and that all official languages must receive equal treatment. The Committee also noted that the deferral of technological innovations, including the modernization of the text-processing services at the United Nations Office at Vienna, would be counterproductive in terms of cost-effectiveness. More information on the impact of the measures must be provided to enable the General Assembly to take an informed decision.
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> "I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated to the members of the Fifth Committee to apprise them of the views of the Committee on Conferences."

C. Host country agreements

Introduction and overview

119. At its 388th meeting, on 30 April 1996, the Committee on Conferences decided to take up at its substantive session of 1996 the proposal from the Office of Legal Affairs concerning the negotiation of agreements with States to host United Nations conferences. At its 393rd meeting, on 20 August 1996, the Committee considered the matter of host country agreements.

Discussion

120. In introducing the report, the representative of the Secretariat noted that on occasion difficulties had arisen, and much time had been spent, in the negotiation and conclusion of host country agreements between the United Nations and Governments issuing invitations to host United Nations meetings and conferences away from established headquarters. It was the established practice to conclude such agreements on the basis of a model agreement contained in an administrative instruction issued by the Secretariat (ST/AI/342). In the view of the Secretariat, in order to facilitate the timely negotiation of such agreements and achieve greater efficiency in time spent thereon, there was a need for the General Assembly, when accepting an invitation from a Member State to host a conference or meeting away from its established headquarters, to specify that an appropriate host country agreement between the United Nations and the State concerned should be concluded successfully and in a timely manner.

Conclusions and recommendations

121. The Committee recommended that Member States be informed of the existence of the model host country agreement contained in administrative instruction ST/AI/342 in order to make them aware of the arrangements required in hosting a conference or meeting.

122. The Committee also recommended that the body accepting the invitation be kept informed, as appropriate, of the progress made in negotiating the host country agreement in the course of preparations for a conference with a view to encouraging the timely conclusion of a host country agreement before the conference took place.

D. Audio recording of informal consultations

Introduction and overview

123. At its 392nd meeting, on 20 August 1996, the Committee on Conferences agreed to take up the matter of audio recording of informal consultations.

Discussion

124. Upon inquiry, the representative of the Secretariat confirmed that, while audio recording of informal consultations of the Main Committees was not the usual practice, recordings were prepared at the request of their secretariats. Once requested, such services continued to be provided until indication was made that they were no longer required.

Conclusions and recommendations

125. The Committee took note of the assurances given by the Secretariat that the practice of making audio recordings of the informal consultations of intergovernmental bodies would be discontinued and recommended that audio recordings of informal consultations of any intergovernmental body should not be made unless the body concerned decided otherwise.

E. E-mail address for the transmission of requests for meeting rooms for the convening of bilateral meetings

Introduction and overview

126. At its 392nd meeting, on 20 August 1996, the Committee on Conferences agreed to take up the matter of an e-mail address for the transmission of requests for meeting rooms for the convening of bilateral meetings.

Conclusions and recommendations

127. The Committee commended the Secretariat for the exemplary way in which General Assembly resolution 49/221 D of 23 December 1994 had been implemented and for its contribution to the successful conclusion of the general debate and the special commemorative meeting during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

128. The Committee recommended that the Secretariat proceed with the establishment of an e-mail capacity through which delegations could make requests for the use of meeting rooms for the convening of bilateral meetings and contacts among Member States during the period of the general debate of the General Assembly session.

VI. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Membership

129. The General Assembly, in its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, had decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee in 1996 was composed of the following Member States: Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Chile, Egypt, France, Gabon, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and United States of America.

B. Officers

130. The Committee elected the following officers to serve in 1996:

Chairman: Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Hideki Goda (Japan)
Ms. Elisabeth Kornfeind (Austria)
Ms. Mara Treimanis (Latvia)

Rapporteur: Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas)

131. At its organizational session for 1996 (387th meeting), on 1 February 1996, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of the Committee's Bureau in 1997.

C. Organization of work

132. At its 387th meeting, the Committee agreed to meet as required to take up matters related to the calendar of conferences and its implementation, in particular the consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar. At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 1997 at the organizational session to be held early in 1997. The Committee met on 30 April 1996 (388th meeting) to examine the impact on Conference Services of the measures set forth in the Secretary-General's report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57) and to review the subprogramme on Conference Services of the draft proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. It also met on 3 June 1996 (389th meeting) to consider certain changes to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996. The Committee convened its substantive session on 19, 20, 22 and 23 August 1996 (390th to 395th meetings) and its resumed substantive session on 19 September 1996 (396th meeting).

133. At its 393rd meeting, the Committee decided to limit its future meetings schedule to a one-meeting organizational session, a three-day substantive session in August and one meeting during the General Assembly, thereby reducing its meeting time by 22 per cent.

D. Programme of work

134. At its organizational session for 1995, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to submit to it, at its organizational session for 1996, a draft agenda for 1996, which was subsequently issued in document A/AC.172/1996/L.1 and adopted by the Committee (A/AC.172/1996/1).

135. The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services and the Director of Conference Services, respectively, addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

VII. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 19 SEPTEMBER TO 23 DECEMBER 1995

136. The Committee was seized with the following requests:

Committee	Request	Action taken
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	To convene meetings, seminars and symposia in various regions	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Committee to meet away from its established headquarters
Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Fiftieth Session of the General Assembly concerning the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s	To meet in New York for a period of 10 working days in September 1996	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Ad Hoc Committee to meet in New York in September 1996

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 32 and addenda (A/50/32 and Add.1 and 2), annex II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/49/32/Rev.1), annex II.

Annex

Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations and of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 1997

Explanatory notes

The following abbreviations are used in the annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
NGO	Non-governmental organization
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records

A. Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 1997

(as at 23 August 1996)

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
1.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	3 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 47/94]	6-10 January	New York	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
3.	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 50/112]	6-17 January	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
4.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fourteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	6-24 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
5.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	13-17 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
6.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	13-31 January	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
7.	UNICEF - Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	20-24 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
8.	UNCTAD - Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, first session [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	20-24 January	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
9.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	20-31 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
10.	Panel of Governmental Experts to Prepare a Report on Small Arms, second session [General Assembly resolution 50/70 B]	20-31 January	New York	15 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
11.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/288] c/	20-31 January	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
12.	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau [Charter]	23 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
13.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	27-31 January	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
14.	UNEP - Governing Council, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	27 January-7 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
15.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	January (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
16.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	January (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
17.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
18.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	January/February (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
19.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January/April (10 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
20.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-ninth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	3-7 February	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
21.	Fourteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific [Economic and Social Council decisions 1991/222 and 1993/327]	3-7 February	Bangkok	50 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session every three years
22.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on the question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/288] c/	3-14 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
23.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 February-28 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
24.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	4-7 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
25.	Statistical Commission, twenty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	February (1 week)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
26.	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/230] c/	February* (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
27.	Consultations of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People with representatives of NGO coordinating committees on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	13-14 February	New York	12 E	I (EF)	T	-	
28.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	17-21 February	A capital in the region	20 G	I (AE)	T	-	One session per year
29.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	17-28 February	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
30.	Sixth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	18 February	New York	181 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
31.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	18-28 February	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
32.	UNCTAD - Commission on Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, resumed first session [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	19-21 February	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

* Provision for a one-week extension of the fourth session and for the holding of parallel meetings in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1996/230 subject to review by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
33.	Commission on Population and Development, thirtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVIII) and 1986/7]	24-28 February	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
34.	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended working group on the question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/25] c/	24-28 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
35.	Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working group [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/231]	24 February-7 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
36.	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	24 February-7 March	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
37.	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Implementation, fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	24 February-7 March	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
38.	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on Article 13, fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	24 February-7 March	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
39.	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	24 February-7 March	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
40.	Commission for Social Development, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	25 February-6 March	New York	32 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
41.	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67 and General Assembly resolution 49/130]	February (1 week)	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
42.	INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, seventeenth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	February (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
43.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 284 (III)]	February (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
44.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	February/March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
45.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	February/March (2-3 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
46.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/June (as required)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR d/	
47.	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended working group to elaborate policy guidelines on the effects of structural adjustment programmes on the full enjoyment of human rights [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/289] c/	3-7 March	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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48.	Group of governmental experts to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development, first session [General Assembly resolution 49/75 C]	3-14 March	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
49.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	10-14 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
50.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	10-14 March	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
51.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	10-21 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
52.	Commission on the Status of Women - In-session open-ended working group on the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/240] c/	10-21 March	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
53.	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	10 March-18 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
54.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	17-21 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
55.	UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	17-21 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
56.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, fortieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	18-27 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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57.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	18-27 March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
58.	Human Rights Committee, fifty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	24 March-11 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
59.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decision 1995/304]	31 March-11 April	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
60.	ICSC, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	March (3 weeks)	New York	15 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
61.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	March (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
62.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	March (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
63.	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fifth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
64.	ESCWA - nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	March	Amman	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
65.	ESCWA - Technical Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	March	Amman	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
66.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year

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67.	ESCAP, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	March/April	Bangkok	50 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
68.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Subcommittee, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	1-18 April	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
69.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	1-25 April	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
70.	Commission on Sustainable Development, fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	7-25 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
71.	ECE, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	14-18 April	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
72.	Thirteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1989/114]	21 April-2 May	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
73.	ECA - Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	22-25 April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
74.	ECA - twenty-third meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-second session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	28-30 April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
75.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	28 April-8 May	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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76.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, sixth session (parallel meetings for informal consultations and open-ended working groups) [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/245] c/	28 April-8 May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
77.	Committee against Torture, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	28 April-9 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
78.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	28 April-16 May	Geneva	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
79.	Commission on Human Settlements, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	30 April-9 May	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
80.	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 50/112]	April (2 weeks)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
81.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
82.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
83.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	April/May (3-4 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year

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84.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/31]	April/May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
85.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	1-2 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
86.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 May-15 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
87.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	5-9 May	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
88.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-second session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	6-16 May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
89.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1992/218]	12-16 May	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
90.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279] c/	12-16 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
91.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	12-23 May	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
92.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	12-30 May	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
93.	International Law Commission, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	12 May-18 July	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

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94.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	19-23 May	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
95.	Committee on Information, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	19-30 May	New York	89 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
96.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/4 and 1995/39]	20-23 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
97.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	20-29 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
98.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fifteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	20 May-6 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
99.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	May (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
100.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	May (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
101.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
102.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May/June (7 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year

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103.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May/June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
104.	International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
105.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
106.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples - Meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	May/June (1-4 meetings per week, 15 meetings)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
107.	UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	2-6 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
108.	Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/225]	2-6 June	New York	48 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
109.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	2-6 June	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
110.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	2-13 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV*	One session per year

* In resolution 50/206 B of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly took note of the intention of the Committee to replace its verbatim records by unedited transcripts, and requested the Committee to keep the General Assembly informed, through the Committee on Conferences, of the experience of that body regarding unedited transcripts.

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111.	Committee on Contributions, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)] c/	2-27 June*	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
112.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	9-13 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
113.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, first session [annex II, article 2 (5) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	16-20 June	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
114.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	16-20 June	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
115.	Group of governmental experts to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development, second session [General Assembly resolution 49/75 C]	16-27 June	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
116.	United Nations North American NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	23-25 June	New York	6 E	I (EF)	T	-	
117.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	23 June-3 July	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
118.	United Nations North American Seminar on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	26-27 June	New York	10 E	I (EF)	T	-	

* The decision of the Committee to extend its session from three to four weeks is subject to approval by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

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119.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	30 June-25 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
120.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June (1 week)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
121.	General Assembly, special session on Agenda 21 [General Assembly resolution 47/190]	June (1 week)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR/PV e/	
122.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV)]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	--
123.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV f/	Two sessions per year
124.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	Second quarter (1 week)	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
125.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	7-11 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
126.	Panel of Governmental Experts to Prepare a Report on Small Arms, third session [General Assembly resolution 50/70 B]	7-18 July	New York	15 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
127.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	7-18 July	Geneva	14 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
128.	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	14-16 July	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
129.	Human Rights Committee, sixtieth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	14 July-1 August	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

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130.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	21 July-1 August	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
131.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	28 July-1 August	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
132.	ICSC, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	July (3 weeks)	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
133.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 week)	New York	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
134.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 20 meetings)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR d/	
135.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	July/August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
136.	Group of governmental experts to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development, third session [General Assembly resolution 49/75 C]	4-15 August	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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137.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, forty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	4-29 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
138.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	18-22 August	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
139.	United Nations International NGO Meeting on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	August (3 days)	Vienna	15 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
140.	United Nations European NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	August (2 days)	Vienna	6 E	I (EF)	T	-	
141.	Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	August/September (7 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
142.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, resumed first session [annex II, article 2 (5) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	2-12 September	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
143.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	2 September-December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
144.	UNICEF - Executive Board, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	8-12 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
145.	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	8 and 19 September	Tehran	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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146.	Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/226]	9-18 September	Tehran	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
147.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	15-19 September*	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
148.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirtieth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	15-19 September	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
149.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279] c/	15-19 September	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
150.	General Assembly, fifty-second session [Charter]	16 September-December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR c/	
151.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	22 September-3 October	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
152.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	22 September-10 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
153.	UNCTAD - Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, second session [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	29 September-3 October	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
154.	Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	September (1 week)	Geneva	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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155.	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fifth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
156.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
157.	UNRWA - Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
158.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/-- October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
159.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
160.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Bangkok	50 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
161.	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Third quarter (7 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
162.	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Third quarter (1 week)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
163.	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Implementation, fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Third quarter (1 week)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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164.	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on Article 13, fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Third quarter (3 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
165.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	13-17 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
166.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	13-17 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
167.	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	13-24 October	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
168.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	20-31 October	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
169.	Human Rights Committee, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	20 October-7 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
170.	UNHCR - Executive Committee, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	51 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
171.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	October (1 week)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
172.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October (2-3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year

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173.	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
174.	Special High-level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	October (1 day)	Geneva	6 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
175.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV f/	Two sessions per year
176.	UNCTAD - Commission on Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, second session [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	3-7 November	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
177.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-third session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	3-20 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
178.	Committee against Torture, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	10-21 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
179.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	12-21 November	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
180.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, seventeenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	17 November-5 December	Geneva	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
181.	Sixth meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	26 November	Geneva	76 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
182.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279] g/	26 November-5 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
183.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	28 November	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
184.	Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1306 (XLIV)]	November (4 days)	Geneva	10-12 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
185.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
186.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
187.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
188.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
189.	UNCTAD - Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, second session [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	1-5 December	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
190.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	8-12 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
191.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	8-19 December	Geneva	14 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
192.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	8-19 December	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
193.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	15-19 December	Geneva	25 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
194.	UNU - Council, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
195.	UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
196.	Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
197.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed fortieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/247]	December (2 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
198.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
199.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	December	To be determined	3 E	-	-	-	
200.	UNFCCC - Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, third session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Fourth quarter (7 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
201.	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Fourth quarter (4 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
202.	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Fourth quarter (3-4 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
203.	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Implementation, sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Fourth quarter (3-4 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
204.	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on Article 13, sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	Fourth quarter (2 days)	Bonn	143 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
205.	Trusteeship Council (and drafting Committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV d/	As required

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
206.	Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
207.	Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1st meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
208.	Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
209.	Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
210.	Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings Away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
211.	Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
212.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
213.	Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
214.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
215.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
216.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
217.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Commission established under Security Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
218.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
219.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
220.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
221.	Security Council - Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
222.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
223.	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
224.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
225.	Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
226.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
227.	Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required
228.	Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
229.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
230.	UNICEF - Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
231.	UNCTAD - other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	As required (up to 9 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
232.	UNCTAD - Expert meetings [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	As required (up to 6 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
233.	UNCTAD - Seminars and study groups [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	As required (up to 6 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
234.	UNCTAD - Consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	As required (up to 4 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
235.	UNCTAD - Executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Midrand Declaration adopted on 21 May 1996 at the ninth session of UNCTAD]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
236.	UNCTAD - Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences [article 52 of the Convention]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
237.	Committee for Development Planning, thirty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
238.	Economic and Social Council, resumed substantive session of 1997 [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/41] c/	To be determined (1 week)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
239.	Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
240.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries, Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/97]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
241.	High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution 47/191]	To be determined (3 days)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
242.	High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution 47/191]	To be determined (3 days)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
243.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
244.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
245.	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
246.	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
247.	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
248.	Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament [General Assembly resolution 50/70 F]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR/PV c/	
249.	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	To be determined	Geneva	14 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year once the Convention enters into force

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
250.	Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	To be determined	Geneva	5 E	To be determined	T	-	One session per year
251.	Commission on Human Rights - Group of Experts to elaborate a strategy for the implementation and promotion of the right to development [Economic and Social Council decision 1996/258] c/	To be determined	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
252.	ECLAC - Committee of the Whole, twenty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
253.	Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the year 2000 [General Assembly resolution 50/70 Q]	To be determined (2 weeks)	To be determined	178 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
254.	United Nations Latin American and Caribbean Seminar on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	To be determined (5 days)	To be determined	20 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
255.	United Nations European Seminar on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	To be determined (4 days)	To be determined	20 E	I (EF)	T	-	
256.	United Nations Latin American and Caribbean NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 50/84]	To be determined (3 days)	To be determined	6 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
257.	Meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years

B. List of bodies whose mandates are to be presented for renewal to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session

Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
Fifteenth United Nations Pledging Conference for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme	October (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean	To be determined	New York	44 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	To be determined	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	To be determined	New York	9 G	I (EF)	T	-	
Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories	To be determined	Geneva	3 G	I (AEF)	T	PV f/	
Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Open-ended Working Group on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Informal Open-ended Working Group on An Agenda for Peace	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on An Agenda for Development	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

b/ Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (IV), para. 9).

c/ The Committee on Conferences has recommended that the General Assembly should consider the budgetary impact of any meetings added to the calendar of conferences and meetings, taking into account the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/50/66 (see para. 18 of the present report).

d/ For plenary meetings only.

e/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

f/ When holding oral hearings.

C. Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 1997

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location
1.	WHO - Executive Board, ninety-ninth session	13-24 January	Geneva
2.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fiftieth session	20 January-7 February	Montreal
3.	IFAD - Governing Council	20-21 February	Rome
4.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fiftieth session	24 February-21 March	Montreal
5.	IAEA - Board of Governors	17-21 March	Vienna
6.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and sixty-eighth session	3-24 April	Geneva
7.	UNIDO - Programme and Budget Committee, thirteenth session	21-25 April	Vienna
8.	UPU - Postal Operation Council	21 April-2 May	Berne
9.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-first session	21 April-9 May	Montreal
10.	IAEA - Administrative and Budgetary Committee	5-8 May	Vienna
11.	WHO - World Health Assembly, fiftieth session	5-16 May	Geneva
12.	WHO - Executive Board, one hundredth session	19-20 May	Geneva
13.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-first session	26 May-11 June	Paris
14.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-first session	26 May-20 June	Montreal
15.	FAO - Council, one hundred and twelfth session	3-12 June	Rome
16.	ILO - General Conference, eighty-fourth session	3-20 June	Geneva
17.	IAEA - Board of Governors	9-13 June	Vienna
18.	WMO - Executive Council, forty-ninth session	10-21 June	Geneva
19.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and sixty-ninth session	21 June	Geneva
20.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, seventeenth session	23-27 June	Vienna
21.	IMO - Council, seventy-eighth session	23-27 June	London

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location
22.	ITU - Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
23.	IAEA - Board of Governors	22-26 September	Vienna
24.	WIPO - Governing bodies	22 September-1 October	Geneva
25.	IMF/World Bank - Joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	23-25 September	Hong Kong
26.	IAEA - General Conference	29 September-2 October	Vienna
27.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-second session	29 September-17 October	Montreal
28.	UPU - Council of Administration	September/October	Berne
29.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-second session	3-17 October	Paris
30.	IAEA - Board of Governors	6 October	Vienna
31.	UNESCO, General Conference, twenty-ninth session	October/November	Paris
32.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-second session	3-28 November	Montreal
33.	FAO - Council, one hundred and thirteenth session	4-6 November	Rome
34.	ILO - Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and seventieth session	6-20 November	Geneva
35.	FAO - Conference, twenty-ninth session	7-20 November	Rome
36.	IMO - Council, fourteenth extraordinary session	14 November	London
37.	IMO - Assembly, twentieth session	17-28 November	London
38.	FAO - Council, one hundred and fourteenth session	21 November	Rome
39.	IAEA - Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	24-27 November	Vienna
40.	IMO - Council, seventy-ninth session	28 November	London
41.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-third session	November	Paris
42.	UNIDO - General Conference, seventh session	1-5 December	Vienna
43.	IAEA - Board of Governors	8 December	Vienna

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